



for access to water or from any other water system revenue for any item, debt payment, or public purpose other than the improvement and sustainability of the community water system. Proposed law shall not be construed to prohibit the payment of bonded indebtedness secured by the water system's revenue incurred prior to the effective date of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that a community water system with an "F" or "D" grade shall not be denied access to funding to improve or sustain the community water system based solely on the grade.

Proposed law provides that LDH shall publish the first letter grades no later than January 1, 2023.

Proposed law provides that a community water system or local governing authority operating a community water system receiving federal funds, including stimulus or relief payments or grants, for the upgrade, repair, or otherwise replacement of the water system infrastructure shall submit a detailed plan describing how the federal funds will be used to LDH.

Present law provides that LDH shall promulgate a rule or take action requiring the modification of an existing community water system in operation before August 1, 2013, only if LDH demonstrates that the public water system is incapable of attaining compliance with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations without the modification and provides for permits for a new public water supply system or in connection with the modification of an existing public water system. Present law establishes the Louisiana Standards for Water Works Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Committee and provides for the duties, membership, and meetings of the committee. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 40:5.9(C)(4) and (5); adds R.S. 40:5.9(C)(6), 5.9.1, and 5.9.2; repeals R.S. 36:259(B)(9) and R.S. 40:4.13)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide that rate adjustments are subject to approval by the appropriate rate setting authority.
3. Provide that a community water system with an "F" or "D" grade shall not be denied access to funding to improve or sustain the community water system based solely on the grade.